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Application No.: **PCT/AU00/00107**)Filed: **16 February 2000**)For: **ANTIMICROBIAL POLYMERIC**)
COMPOSITIONS)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

7. A method according to claim 2 wherein the solvent includes an alkali selected from an alkali hydroxide, alkali carbonate and mixtures thereof.

a1 8. A method according to claim 2 wherein the alkali is sodium hydroxide, sodium carbonate or mixture thereof.

12. A method according to claim 1, characterised in that the solution is heated for a period of between 1 to 1,400 hours, thereby increasing antimicrobial activity of the polymers.

a2 13. A method according to claim 1, characterised in that the solution is heated for a period in the range of from 4 to 60 hours.

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